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~~-- 53. An antigen composition comprising a purified tumor antigen, wherein the tumor antigen is identified as comprising Urinary Tumor Associated Antigen (UTAA) subunit which, after reduction by β -mercaptoethanol and separation by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, exhibits a molecular weight of about 90 to 100 kD. --~~

Please withdraw claims 47 through 52 from consideration. Applicants specifically reserve the right to reintroduce the more generic claims upon an indication that present species claim 53 is allowable.

REMARKS

It is Applicants position that claim 47, as presented in the previous Response, fully complied with the Examiner's request. This is because claim 47 was directed to a composition that comprised the 90-100 Kd UTAA subunit. It was and remains Applicants' position that the subunit could be present in the composition in the form of the UTAA holoantigen where desired.

Nevertheless, new claim 53 has been introduced in a further attempt to address the Examiner's concerns. New claim 53 is directed to an antigen composition comprising the 90-100 kD UTAA subunit.

As noted above, Applicants intend to continue with the prosecution of the more generic claims upon an indication of